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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 were presented for examination. Claims 1-19 were objected to due to claim informalities. Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,550,805 to Takatori et al. ("Takatori"). Applicants wish to thank Examiner for the indication of allowability of claims 7-20 if they are amended to address the objections identified by the Examiner. Upon entry of this amendment, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1-6 without prejudice. Claims 7, 14, 16 and 19 are amended. Applicants respectfully submit that the claim amendments have overcome the claim informality objections. No new matter is added. Claims 7-20 are presented for examination.

**Claim rejections of claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)**

Claims 1-6 are cancelled. Applicants respectfully submit that claims rejections directed toward claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) have overcome.

**Allowable subject matter**

Claims 7-20 were identified as allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Applicants have amended independent claims 7 and 14 to overcome the claim informality objection. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7-20 are in condition for allowance.

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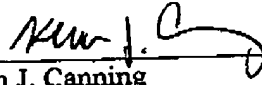
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SYCS-005 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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